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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.  
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SUBJECT: **ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO A SOLE  
SOURCE CONTRACT WITH STARS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH GROUP,  
INC.**

This memo is to comply with the Board of Supervisors' Policy Manual, Section 5.100, Sole Source Contract, by notifying the Board of our need to initiate a Sole Source contract. It is the Department of Mental Health's (DMH) intent to enter into new sole source contract negotiations with Stars Behavioral Health Group (SBHG) located at 1501 Hughes Way, Suite 150, Long Beach, CA 90810.

SBHG will provide training, consultation, and technical assistance in support of implementing the Transition to Independence Process (TIP) model within selected Los Angeles County directly-operated and contracted Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funded Transition-Age Youth (TAY) Full Service Partnership (FSP) programs.

The TIP model is an Evidence-Based/Promising-Practice proprietary treatment model developed by the National Network on Youth Transition for Behavioral Health (NNYT) at the University of South Florida (USF). The TIP system prepares youth and young adults with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) for their movement into adult roles through an individualized process, engaging them in their own futures planning process, as well as providing developmentally-appropriate services and supports. The TIP model involves youth and young adults ages 16-25, their families, and other informal key players in a process that facilitates their movement towards greater self-sufficiency and successful achievement of their goals. Young people are encouraged to explore their interests and futures as related to each of the transition domains: employment and career, education, living situation, personal effectiveness/well-being, and community-life functioning. The TIP model aligns well with the goals and outcomes for TAY as envisioned in the State-approved MHSA TAY FSP program.

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The NNYT has established an agreement with SBHG to serve as the only entity in California that is authorized to serve as a NNYT partner and as a purveyor of the TIP model. The consultation and training services under the proposed sole source contract with DMH will be fully funded with \$363,800 in MHSA Community Services and Supports (CSS) funding. The term of the consultant agreement will be from Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09 through FY 2010-11.

Unless otherwise instructed by a Board office within two weeks, DMH will proceed with negotiating the sole source contract. DMH will work closely with both County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office in preparing a new agreement with SBHG.

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